

Friends-Shirley Erickson

Medium-Steel with fused and cast glass

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Erickson likes to use both steel and glass in her sculptures because each material has many qualities. Steel is strong and opaque, but will eventually rust away into dust. Glass is fragile and transparent (or sometimes translucent), but even if broken it never erodes away. This sculpture is titled "Friends"; do you think these particular materials help you understand what Erickson is saying about friendship in this piece?

Erickson has created lots of contrasts in this piece. Can you point to an example of a negative and a positive shape, a smooth and a rough texture, or an opaque and transparent area?



GPS coordinates: N 47° 40' 45.3" W 122° 07' 41.4"